

REMARKS

Initially, applicant notes the restriction requirement set forth by the Examiner in the present application is based on the grounds that the claims are directed to more than one species of the generic invention. As such, if a claim to a generic invention is allowed, claims to additional species dependent on the claim to the generic invention will also be considered for allowance.

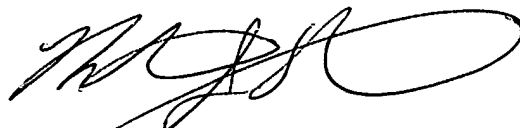
Notwithstanding, the Examiner set forth nine (9) species, corresponding to Figures 1-4 with subspecies including one of Figures 5A-5J; Figures 6 and 7; Figures 8-10; Figure 11 with subspecies including one of Figures 12A-12C; Figures 13A and B; Figures 13C and D; Figures 14A-C; Figures 15A and B; and Figures 16A and B, respectively. In doing so, the Examiner has required the applicant to elect a species and provide a listing of all claims readable thereon.

Although applicant expects that a generic claim covering a number of the species set out will be found to be allowable, and that the bulk of the restriction will ultimately be rendered moot, applicant herein elects the species found in Figures 14A-C, corresponding to Claims 1-10 and 13-14.

Of course, some of these claims read on more than one species. For example, Claim 1 is considered generic and reads on each of the species of Figures 6-7; Figures 13A-13C; Figures 14A-14C; Figures 15A and B; and Figures 16A and B, as well as the embodiment shown in Figures 17A and B. However, applicant avers that each of Claims 1-10 and 13-14 read on the species of Figure 14A-C.

In light of the foregoing, applicant respectfully submits that the present claimed application is in proper form for examination. Favorable consideration and early allowance is respectfully requested and earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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